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TO INVITE GATT AND UNCTAD TO GIVE REPORTS ON MTN AND GSP

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1. WE ARE GRATIFIED BY FAVORABLE RESPONSE OF DG LONG ON
POSSIBLE PRESENTATION OF REPORT AT CIEC DEVELOPMENT
COMMISSION AND WOULD WELCOME MATHUR GIVING THE REPORT. WE
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DO NOT AGREE WITH LONG THAT IT WOULD BE OBJECTIONABLE TO

HAVE UNCTAD REPORT ON ITS ROLE IN PROVIDING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO LDCS TO HELP THEM PARTICIPATE FULLY AND EFFECTIVELY IN THE MTN. WE WILL DISCUSS THIS MATTER WITH LONG WHEN HE IS HERE IN WASHINGTON NEXT WEEK.

2. MISSION IS REQUESTED IN ITS DISCUSSION WITH UNCTAD SECRETARIAT TO PROCEED AS ORIGINALLY INDICATED IN REFTEL A, THAT IS SUGGES; THAT UNCTAD REPORT COULD APPROPRIATELY COVER TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO LDCS TO ENABLE THEM TO PARTICIPATE FULLY AND EFFECTIVELY IN MTN, THE PRESENT STATUS OF THE GSP AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO LDCS TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE VARIOUS GSP SYSTEMS. THE MISSION MAY STRESS THAT THE U.S. BELIEVES THAT THE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

FOR GSP IS THE MOST SIGNIFICANT ITEM UNCATD WOULD REPORT ON AT THIS TIME SINCE IT PROMISES THE MOST IMMEDIATE BENEFITS TO LDCS IN THE TRADE AREA. THE DIFFICULT BALANCE OF PAYMENTS SITUATION OF MANY LDCS REQUIRES THAT THEY FOCUS ON NEAR-TERM MEASURES TO ALLEVIATE THEIR SITUATIONS, AND BETTER USE OF GSP SCHEMES ALREADY IN PLACE IS THE MOST PROMISING MEASURE IN THE TRADE AREA. MISSION SHOULD ALSO INDICATE OUR APPRAISAL THAT UNCTAD REPORT COULD BEST BE PRESENTED BY KRISHNAMURTI ASSISTED BY SHIH AND PRADHAN. WE WERE FAVORABLY IMPRESSED BY KRISHNAMURTI PRESENTATION AT A RECENT SEMINAR ON GSP HELD FOR LDC OFFICIALS IN BRUSSELS.

3. MISSION SHOULD INDICATE TO GATT SECRETARIAT THAT WE WOULD FAVOR THEIR REPORT ALSO COVERING THE ROLE ITS LDC TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE UNIT UNDER PASIM HAS BEEN PLAYING IN ASSISTING LDCS TO PARTICIPATE FULLY AND EFFECTIVELY IN THE MTN.

4. WE BELIEVE THAT FOR THE U.S. TO SUGGEST IN CIEC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION THAT UNCTAD ONLY REPORT ON GSP AND GSP RELATED TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND TO IGNORE THE UNCTAD/UNDP MTN ADVISORY SERVICES PROJECT AND THE EXISTENCE AND WORK OF THE UNCTAD DIVISION ON MANUFACTURES WOULD BE REGARDED AS A TRANSPARENT ATTEMPT BY THE U.S. TO LIMIT UNCTAD'S SCOPE AND COULD CAUSE CONTROVERSY FROM LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE OUTSET. EVEN IF THE U.S. DID NOT SUGGEST UNCTAD'S REPORTING ON THE ROLE IT IS PLAYING IN ASSISTING LDCS PARTICIPATE IN THE MTN, ONE OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRY COMMISSION MEMBERS PROBABLY WOULD. CONSEQUENTLY, WE WOULD PREFER TO TRY TO STRUCTURE THE UNCTAD REPORT BY HAVING THE U.S. STRESS THAT THE REPORTS WOULD PROVIDE A FACTUAL BASIS FOR OUR DISCUSSIONS ON TRADE AND ASK THAT UNCTAD REPORT ON ITS TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO LDCS IN THEIR

PARTICIPATION IN THE MTN. WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT ANY UNCTAD REPORT, EVEN IF UNCTAD HAD THE TEMERITY TO TRY, COULD SUCCEED IN GIVING THE IMPRESSION THAT UNCTAD IS RUNNING THE MTN AS FAR AS LDC INTERESTS ARE CONCERNED.

5. WE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN ANY FURTHER COMMENTS LONG MAY HAVE DURING HIS FORTHCOMING VISIT ON FEBRUARY 9-10. KISSINGER

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